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Virginia Department of Health
109 Governor Street, Room 614B
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: VPDES Permit No. VA0C50004 Application for Review
FPNA Poultry Farms Inc. (CAFO VPDES Conversion from VPA General Permit Coverage), Accomack County, Withams, VA

Dear Mr. Skiles:

Enclosed is a copy of a VPDES permit application for your review. **This is the first of several operating E. Shore poultry farms that EPA has required convert to a CAFO VPDES permit because of their potential to discharge contaminated stormwater**. A copy has also been sent to the VDH Office of Drinking Water and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Please review this application and provide your comments within 14 calendar days to DEQ identifying the location of any shellfish growing areas that would have to be condemned pursuant to Va. Code § 28.2-807 (i.e., reclassified as restricted or prohibited as defined by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program) as a result of the proposed discharge of pollutants described in the application. Alternatively, you may respond to DEQ within 14 calendar days of receipt of the application that DSS intends to conduct a further evaluation of the proposed discharge site. If DSS intends to conduct a further evaluation, please provide your comments to DEQ within 30 calendar days after receipt of the application. In the event that DSS anticipates that, due to the complexity of a proposal or the scope of an evaluation, it will not be able to make a determination within 30 calendar days after receipt of the application, please, within 14 days of receipt, inform DEQ of the anticipated time required to further evaluate the application. These deadlines are specified in the agreement between the Director of DEQ and the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health to ensure that DEQ can process the permit in a timely manner.

Please also provide a copy of any correspondence relative to this application to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission at the following address:

Virginia Marine Resources Commission
2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor
Newport News, VA 23607

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (757) 518-2106 or by e-mail at robert.smithsonjr@deq.virginia.gov

Sincerely,

Robert E. Smithson, Jr.
Environmental Specialist Senior

Enclosure: VPDES Permit Application
cc: TRO ECM File